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1. DURING ITS TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING ON THE MORNING OF NATIONAL DAY, THE CANADIAN MEDIA DELEGATION INQUIRED ABOUT CHINA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD JOINT VENTURES. TENG'S RESPONSE WAS EMPHATICALLY NEGATIVE. HE SAID CHINA WOULD NOT ENTER INTO JOINT VENTURES WITH MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

2. CANADA'S CHINA DESK OFFICER JOHN PAYNTER TOLD US CONGENOFF HE WAS NOT SURPRISED BY TENG'S REMARKS. PAYNTER
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VIEWED THEM AS A REITERATION OF CHINA'S LONG-STANDING
POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT. HE DID FIND THE REMARKS

INTERESTING, HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF SUGGESTIONS BY A RECENT AUSTRALIAN OIL DELEGATION THAT THE CHINESE HAD SOFTENED THEIR POSITION AND MIGHT ENTERTAIN THE IDEA OF SOME SORT OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH FOREIGN FIRMS (REFTEL).

3. MUCH OF THE CANADIAN MEDIA DELEGATION'S DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE HAVE BEEN ON A NO ATTRIBUTION BASIS-- AND SOMETIMES ON A NO PUBLICATION BASIS AS WELL. THE DELEGATION IS STILL IN CHINA AND RELATIVELY LITTLE NEWS OF THEIR TALKS HAS SURFACED YET. AN EXCEPTION IS THE NEWS OF CHOU'S RETURN TO HOSPITAL AND THE UNLIKELIHOOD THAT HE WILL RESUME FULL-TIME WORK WHICH WAS ATTRIBUTED TO AN UNNAMED HIGH CHINESE OFFICIAL. THE INFORMATION ABOUT JOINT VENTURES WAS PROVIDED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WOULD BE CAREFULLY HELD WITHIN THE USG.

4. BOTH THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO PEKING AND THE EMBASSY OFFICER WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING WITH VICE PREMIER TENG LEFT PEKING THE DAY AFTERWARD, THE FORMER FOR MONGOLIA AND THE LATTER TO ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATION, SO THE GOC DOES NOT YET HAVE A RECORD OF THE MEETING. WE HAVE REASON TO HOPE THAT WE CAN SEE FULL ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING WITH TENG SHORTLY AFTER IT BECOMES AVAILABLE TO THE GOC HERE.
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